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WEATHER YESTERDAY.

Mean Temperature—76.8 degrees.
Maximum Temperature—79.4 degrees.
Minimum Temperature—73.2 degrees.
Barometer—29.99 at 9 p. m.
Rainfall—.60 inches.
Mean Dew Point for the Day—66.7.
Mean Relative Humidity—73.
WINDS.
East northeast 5 to 2.

FORECAST FOR TODAY.

Ray dark threatening, barometer and temperature do not indicate rain.

The municipality idea is steadily growing.

Honolulu requires home rule, and the legislature will grant it.

The liquor license law has been changed once more, at the whim of the Governor.

The republican committee cannot afford to stand out on the proposition of appointing representative members of a charter commission as proposed by the independents. Municipal government is an assured fact and the republican party must have a voice in the framing of a charter. The opposition of the Advertiser but makes the adoption of a charter all the more certain.

Judge Wilcox did good work in the police court yesterday morning, when he fined the man \$100, who fired the blast at the Young Building Saturday, which caused the wrecking of the carriage containing Mesdames Widdifield and Vida. It is too bad that he could not inflict the same fine on the contractors who permitted the reckless blasting. When Honolulu gets a city government she can regulate these matters better than can be done now.

In the various states and territories of the Union the office of Governor is not considered so sacred that the holder of it must not take any part in the campaign. Governor Roosevelt of the great state of New York took a very active part in the campaign just closed. William McKinley was one of the foremost speakers on the republican side in the campaign of 1892, although he was Governor of the great state of Ohio at the time, still no one thought he was doing ought but what he had a perfect right to do, the same as any other citizen. Governor Gage of California made a number of speeches in the recent campaign as did Governor Thomas of Colorado. Governor Wells of Utah, Governor Nash of Ohio, Governor Atkinson of West Virginia, Governor Tanner of Illinois and almost every other Governor in the entire Union. Governor Murphy of the Territory of Arizona was his party's candidate for delegate to Congress, making a thorough canvass of the territory and yet his action was not considered by the people as improper. But then of course it is different here in Hawaii where the Governor is such a lordly being that he is not accessible in his office to ordinary mortals. It is a notorious fact that every paper published in the territory of Hawaii regardless of politics, with the exception of two, have held that the chief cause for the defeat of the republican party in the territory was due to Governor Dole. Where the sentiment is so universal there must certainly be something behind it.

The Advertiser makes much ado because Senator Platt is again urging a state constabulary bill in New York and trying to get the newly elected legislature to do his bidding. The Advertiser says: "There will be a uniform state constabulary such as Hawaii possesses." Maybe there will, but it is more likely that such a bill will not be passed. The last legislature of New York state, though overwhelmingly republican in both branches, refused to do Boss Platt's bidding on such an obnoxious measure. The creation of a state constabulary would more effectively fix Platt's control of the state and make him a sort of family compact within himself. Corrupt as Tammany is known to be the people of New York would much prefer to have a city police that can be reached occasionally by an outraged public sentiment than a state constabulary which would owe allegiance to Boss Platt and to no one else. Every newspaper in New York City, whether republican, democratic or independent is opposed to Platt's pet scheme. They succeeded in defeating it two years ago and they will defeat it again. The people want, and intend to have, home rule, even if it be faulty, rather than any such concentrated power at the state capital as Platt proposes. The case in Hawaii over Municipal government for Honolulu is analogous to that in New York. The people of this city want and intend to have home rule and not permit the continuation of concentrated authority in the hands of a few pets belonging to the family compact. In this they are like their brethren in New York City who will successfully oppose Mr. Platt's plan to make himself an absolute dictator of the state.

GREAT RAIN STORM
DELUGES HONOLULU

NEARLY SIX INCHES OF WATER
FELL IN TWENTY-FOURS
ENDING YESTERDAY.

The Whole Area Flooded, Causing Serious Damage In Every Section and Interfering With Schools and Business.

Despite the heavy rainfall of the last six weeks there is still a deficit in the rainfall for the year of fifteen inches. This is because of the drought of the early part of the year. In fact for three years the rainfall has not been equal to the average so that Honolulu is now getting her own even if it is coming in heavier doses than most people like. The rainfall of Sunday and Monday morning was the heaviest in several years. For the twenty-four hours ending at 9 o'clock yesterday morning the rain fell was 5.45 inches while the total for the storm which began late Saturday night and ended about noon yesterday was six inches. This was the record at the weather station at Punahou, presided over by Professor Curtis J. Lyons. Down at the Peninsula (Pearl City) the total was 6.32 inches, almost one inch more than in the city. The total for the month thus far is 11 inches, considerably in excess of the normal.

Prof. Lyons at 9 o'clock last night thought the storm was practically over and the people of Kalia and those of Makiki and indeed all residents on King street, Waikiki of Punchbowl are grateful and will enter into Thanksgiving with greater zest. They have been flooded and water-bound. In some sections of Kalia the water stood two feet deep on the streets and the lower rice fields were flooded to the extent of six feet. Fortunately the crop had recently been harvested. Kapiolani Park was flooded in almost every section, the race track being two feet under water and the races for Thanksgiving Day have been postponed.

It was a great storm and the down-pour on Sunday and Monday afternoon and up to noon, yesterday, was phenomenal. It came down in perfect sheets and the floods were tremendous. The streets became running rivers and the crossings veritable lakes.

The Independent did not issue, yesterday. All the printers, with the exception of two, live in the suburbs of the city and have found it impossible to get to town. Finding two men inadequate, the management decided not to issue.

The top of the cellar of the Elite building is over a foot lower than the property immediately back of it and during Sunday night great volumes of water came flowing down Garden lane and the surrounding property. These found their way to the ventilator pipes and from there to the cellar which filled before anything could be done. On Saturday last, over \$3,000 worth of confectioner's material was put into the cellar. Boxes and bags of material were piled on the floor so that, when the cellar filled, the lower ones were ruined by the water. The loss is estimated at \$1000.

The basement of the Magoon block at the corner of Merchant and Alakea streets was flooded all day long. A gang of men with hip boots and a centrifugal pump were unable to gain much on the inflow and at 4:30 in the evening there was over a foot of water yet to contend with. The water did considerable damage to goods that were stored in the basement.

The new Stangenwald block on Merchant street was bothered considerably by water. A trough carried away a constant stream raised from the basement and a little lake from this source in the street had its share to do with keeping a working supply on hand below.

The public nursery was flooded. In the lower part the water undermined the fence and left it in a dilapidated state. Fortunately the rare tropical plants were unharmed. They are kept in boxes in the upper part of the grounds and were therefore out of the reach of the torrent.

The heavy rains found bad leaks in the roof of the Central Union Church. Water ran in in such quantities that the Sunday School room was badly flooded. The furniture was removed yesterday and men were put to work to repair the roof. The meeting of the Missionary Gleaners was not held on this account.

The schools were more or less demoralized by the street floods and rains. The heaviest showers occurred in the morning while the pupils were on their way to the school houses and many of the children were soaked to the skin long before they had reached their destinations.

It was not deemed wise to keep them in school where such was the case from the danger of colds and resultant fevers which might mean for them to remain out of school for weeks. For this reason the High School was dismissed for the day at noon though it was not the main sufferer in this direction for it is composed quite extensively of the children whose parents can afford means of transit by shelter from the rain.

The Kaahumanu school of 500 pupils with twelve teachers besides the principal did not open at all. The Kaula school of 480 pupils and a like number of teachers was also closed. King street was blocked for passage by ordinary travel during the morning hours with deep water and sediment out beyond Thomas Square.

The Normal School building at the corner of Fort and School streets was a very wet place owing to the dilapidated condition of the roof which seems to be far beyond repair.

The Tramway system went to pieces early yesterday and there were many ludicrous incidents in getting it under operation. Many business men and residents of distant sections of the city were unable to get to their places

of business until a late hour of the day. From the great flow of water down Makiki and Keeaumoku streets it was thought that the Makiki reservoir had overflowed. Andrew Brown made a round of the reservoir and stated that all these were in first rate condition. There was no overflow anywhere.

At a great number of places down the road, the water is very high along the tracks of the O. R. & I. Co. but so far as can be learned, no great damage has been done. There was a slight washout at Kahuku, but this did not amount to very much. Upon the arrival of morning train yesterday at that place, the message was sent to the offices of the O. R. & I. Co. that there had been no trouble over the space of track affected by the rain. A gang of men is now at work repairing the damage.

A MOB WREAKS VENGEANCE

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There was not a hitch in the entire proceedings. Not a weapon was drawn. There was no angry discussion. After the fire burned low they told each other good-night and went home. They did not stop to discuss the affair.

Given Up Without Resistance. The train bearing the negro in custody of Sheriff Freeman and his deputies from Denver arrived in Limon at 3:45 p. m. The cars were crowded with newspaper reporters, telegraph operators with instruments, and people who were curious to see the negro executed. R. W. Frost, the murdered girl's father, was one of the passengers.

When the train stopped, 16 men, who had been selected by the vigilance committee, entered the train and demanded the prisoner from the Sheriff. Their every act was marked by calmness and determination. The officer protested in the name of the law, and asked the men to allow him to take his prisoner to the County Jail at Hutto, but his protests were disregarded. One man carried a rope, in which had been formed a hangman's noose. This was slipped over the negro's neck.

It was at first announced that the negro was to be executed by hanging. Many, including the father of the negro's victim, protested that such a death would be too easy, and it was finally decided to leave the method of death to the outraged father. He decided upon burning at the stake.

WORSHIPERS OF BUDDHA
DEDICATE THEIR SHRINE

The ceremonies attending the dedication of the Temple of Buddha on Fort Lane, on Sunday, were sadly interfered with by the weather. The rain and mud made it necessary to omit the imposing procession. However, the beautiful temple, with its strange and fascinating interior was filled to the limit with zealous devotees of Buddha.

The temple, which is typically Japanese in architecture, was finished early in the year and ready for dedication in April. On account of the plague the ceremony could not be observed at that time and has been deferred since then in order to have present as many priests as possible.

The order of the service in the temple was first, a prayer by High Priest Y. Imamura. This was followed by the Japanese national hymn, sung by a class of small girls in costume. Prayers were then offered by priests, T. Uchida and H. Matsumoto. These were followed by an address in English by Mrs. Josephine Barber. The chorus of little girls then sang again and talks were made by two devotees on the floor of the temple.

In the English address, by Mrs. Barber, the Buddhist faith was explained as teaching the brotherhood of man, and the oneness of God. The Buddhists are strong on these islands. They have a membership of 2,500 in this city alone and on the islands have seven temples.

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